

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-3 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

Please add new claims 4-8 as follows:

LISTING OF CURRENT CLAIMS

Claims 1-3. (Canceled)

Claim 4. (New) A shoelace structure comprising:
an integrally woven shoelace having:

- a) two opposing ends, each of the two opposing ends being narrowed and bound;
- 5 b) two tying sections located between the two opposing ends, one of the two tying sections being adjacent to each of the two opposing ends, each of the two tying sections having a plurality of first bulging portions and a plurality of first narrowed portions, each of the plurality of first narrowed portions having an outer periphery smaller than an outer periphery of each of the plurality of first bulging portions, one of the plurality of first narrowed portions being located adjacent to each of the plurality of first bulging portions; and
- 10 c) a passage section located between the two tying sections and having a plurality of second bulging portions and a plurality of second narrowed portions, each of the plurality of second narrowed portions having an outer periphery smaller than an outer periphery of each of the plurality of second bulging portions, one of the plurality of second narrowed portions being located adjacent to each of the plurality of second bulging portions.
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Claim 5. (New) The shoelace structure according to claim 4, wherein each of the plurality of first bulging portions having one of a round and an elongated cross section.

Claim 6. (New) The shoelace structure according to claim 4, wherein each of the plurality of first narrowed portions having one of a round and an elongated cross section.

Claim 7. (New) The shoelace structure according to claim 4, wherein each of the plurality of second bulging portions having one of a round and an elongated cross section.

Claim 8. (New) The shoelace structure according to claim 4, wherein each of the plurality of second narrowed portions having one of a round and an elongated cross section.